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### **PART 383a—DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY (DeCA)**

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APPENDIX TO PART 383a—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

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#### **§ 383a.1 Purpose.**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense under title 10, United States Code, this part establishes the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and the Defense Commissary Board (DCB), with responsibilities, functions, and authorities as prescribed herein.

#### **§ 383a.2 Applicability.**

This part applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments; the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Joint Staff; the Unified and Specified Commands; the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG, DoD); the Defense Agencies; and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

#### **§ 383a.3 Mission.**

(a) The mission of the DeCA is to:

(1) Provide an efficient and effective worldwide system of commissaries for the resale of groceries and household supplies at the lowest practical price (consistent with quality) to members

of the Military Services, their families, and other authorized patrons, while maintaining high standards for quality, facilities, products, and service.

(2) Provide a peacetime training environment for food supply logisticians needed in wartime and, as circumstances dictate, troop issue subsistence support to military dining facilities consistent with Service needs.

(b) The mission of the DCB is to serve as a forum for the discussion of issues about the commissary services provided by the DeCA and to make related policy recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics) (ASD(P&L)).

#### **§ 383a.4 Organization.**

(a) The DeCA is established as an Agency of the Department of Defense under the direction, authority, and control of the ASD(P&L). It shall consist of a Director of such subordinate organizational elements as are established by the Director.

(b) The DCB is established as a committee reporting to the ASD (P&L). Its membership shall consist of the following:

(1) The Director, DeCA, who shall serve as Chair.

(2) A representative of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD(FM&P)).

(3) A representative of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS).

(4) One military officer and one enlisted representative from each of the Military Services appointed by the Secretaries of the Military Departments.

(5) The Director, DeCA, may invite other representatives to attend DCB meetings, as appropriate.

(c) The Director shall designate an Executive Secretary for the Board.

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#### **§ 383a.5 Responsibilities and functions.**

(a) The Director, Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), shall:

(1) Organize, direct, and manage the DeCA and all assigned resources; procure assigned items; and administer, supervise, and control all programs and activities assigned to the DeCA.

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(2) Plan, program, budget, design, manage, and ensure the execution of the commissary facilities' construction, modification, and repair programs.

(3) Provide and operate facilities under standards consistent with those used for commercial food stores.

(4) Develop and administer plans and programs to provide peacetime training for military personnel, as appropriate.

(5) Develop and administer plans and programs to provide troop issue subsistence support to appropriate dining facilities, tactical field exchanges for deployed mission support, and management of subsistence war readiness materiel in peacetime and wartime, as required.

(6) Provide advice to the ASD(P&L) on DoD policies about the operation of commissaries and related matters.

(7) Plan and direct use of commissary stocks to support mobilization, as required.

(8) Establish and administer a civilian career management program to include referral services and development programs for commissary management personnel.

(9) Perform such other functions as the ASD(P&L) may direct.

(b) The Defense Commissary Board (DCB) shall meet periodically, and not less than annually. For the purpose of providing advice, it shall:

(1) Consider issues about DeCA operations, services, and resources and make recommendations about DeCA practices, problems, policies, and programs.

(2) Facilitate the exchange of information among the Director, DeCA, and the Military Departments.

(3) Make recommendations on the integration and prioritization of the commissary construction program.

(4) Perform such other advisory functions as ASD(P&L) may direct.

(c) The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics) (ASD(P&L)) shall:

(1) Recommend to the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the USD(A) policies and resources for the administration of the DeCA and its programs.

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(2) Provide policy guidance and management direction to the Director, DeCA.

(3) Establish standards and issue guidelines for military commissary operations, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

(i) Funding.

(ii) Commissary establishment/dis-establishment.

(iii) Pricing and surcharges.

(iv) Categories of items.

(v) Reporting requirements and preparation of "The DoD Commissary Operations Report" (RCS DD-FMP(A)1187).

(4) In coordination with CJCS, make arrangements for Commanders of Unified Commands to assume temporary operational control of commissaries in wartime or periods of heightened alert.

(d) The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD(FM&P)) shall be responsible for advising the ASD(P&L) on commissary policy to ensure that it is consistent with policies on recruitment and retention.

(e) The Comptroller of the Department of Defense (C, DoD) shall advise the ASD(P&L) on accounting, budgeting, funding, cash management, debt management, and pricing and surcharge policy for the DeCA.

(f) The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall provide such facilities, physical security, logistics, and administrative support as required for effective operation of the military commissary program as agreed to by the DeCA and cognizant component Commands under inter-Service support and servicing agreements.

#### § 383a.6 Relationships.

(a) In the performance of assigned responsibilities and functions, the Director, DeCA, shall:

(1) Have free and direct access to, and communicate with, the DoD Components and other Executive Departments and Agencies concerning commissary activities, as necessary.

(2) Maintain appropriate liaison with other DoD Components, Agencies of the Executive branch, forcing governments, and private sector organizations for the exchange of information on programs and activities in the field of assigned responsibilities.